

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the subject application is respectfully requested.

All of the claims of the subject application were rejected as being anticipated by Miyasaka (U.S. 6,362,896). This rejection is respectfully traversed. Applicants disagree with the Examiner's conclusion of anticipation.

However, even if the Examiner's contention was correct, Miyasaka cannot form a basis for rejection of the claims because the claims have an effective filing date of November 8, 1994, according to the Examiner's own analysis. Both Miyasaka and the subject application claim priority to application serial no. 08/335,604, which was filed on November 8, 1994, and issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,594,653 (Akiyama). The Examiner has cited various sections of Miyasaka as anticipating the subject claims. Anticipation under 102 and enablement under 112 are flip sides of the same coin. Applicants will show that the same sections cited by the Examiner to support anticipation are also included in Akiyama. Therefore, the effective filing date of the claims is November 8, 1994 since they are fully supported in Akiyama, according to the Examiner's analysis. The following shows the correspondence between the sections of Miyasaka cited by the Examiner against the independent claims and the corresponding sections in Akiyama (Exhibit A, enclosed):

Miyasaka (6,362,896)

Figs. 1 and 5

Col. 9, lines 61-65

Col. 10, lines 15-17

Col. 10, lines 17-22

Col. 10, lines 7-14

Col. 10, lines 28-42

Akiyama (5,594,653)

Figs. 1 and 5

Col. 7, line 66 – col. 8, line 3

Col. 8, lines 21-23

Col. 8, lines 23-28

Col. 8, lines 12-20

Col. 8, lines 34-49

Since the forgoing sections of Miyasaka anticipate the independent claims, according to the Examiner, then the corresponding sections of Akiyama must

necessarily fully support such claims and therefore are entitled to an effective filing date of November 8, 1994, according to the Examiner's own analysis.

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration of the present application.

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